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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. The undersigned attended a panel discussion held by the Advanced Intelligence Seminar on 19 November 1971. The panel consisted of Mr. John Holdridge, NSC Staff, Mr. Martin Hertz, expert on the United Nations, Department of State, and Mr. Peter Lakeland, Executive Secretary to Senator Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.).

2. Mr. Hertz presented the position of the United States that the UN was considered mostly ineffective in resolving major foreign policy problems affecting the United States. Its primary benefit was to maintain a dialogue with Communist nations and to assist assessing world opinions. He noted the problems of the U.S. in promoting the double Chinese policy and the inability of the Chinese nationalists to accept the eventuality.

3. Mr. Holdridge explained the "Nixon Doctrine" as a firm policy to withdraw U.S. military forces from their predominant presence abroad. Foreign governments will be encouraged to defend themselves to withstand pressures from Communist nations. In this regard, the role of the U.S. would be to furnish military and economic assistance. American military ground forces will be withdrawing only when a proper balancing has been achieved. As concerns the new reorganization of the intelligence community, Mr. Holdridge stated that this was done primarily to insure that the senior policy makers have made available to them all pertinent intelligence on matters of importance. He did not allude to any specific prior intelligence information deficiencies.

4. Mr. Lakeland, in somewhat provocative terms, asserted that the present administration and past administrations were disregarding the function of the Congress in the formulation of foreign policy, particularly in the utilization of U.S. military forces by the President, without required Congressional approval. Mr. Lakeland read from a copy of the U.S. Constitution to dramatize his position that the Congress had

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clearly express powers in the field of foreign policy whereas the President's powers were extremely limited. When the panel discussed the importance of intelligence, Mr. Lakeland stressed how necessary it was for the Congress to receive intelligence estimates, and he noted the Cooper Bill S. 2224 which would place this requirement on CIA. As concerns the Congressional role in foreign policy matters, he noted the bill offered by Senator Javits to require Congressional approval of any Presidential actions involving military forces was being very favorably received during hearings by the Congress. He was sure the bill, S. 731, would be passed perhaps by the end of this session or the early part of the next session. Mr. Lakeland felt that any dissemination of classified intelligence information to the Congress would be properly protected, but security procedures would have to be established to carry this out.

5. There was a rather free exchange of comments during the discussion and Mr. Lakeland presented the legislative position to the issues most effectively. Mr. Lakeland was rather antagonistic, especially with Mr. Holdridge; however, they apparently have known each other for sometime and no animosity was shown. After the panel, Mr. John Maury hosted a luncheon for Mr. Lakeland which OLC, attended.

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